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Alaska Humanities Forum
Quarterly Progress Report to the Denali Commission
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This report is required to provide the Denali Commission with an update on the progress being made by Alaska Humanities Forum on the Community Toolbox. This report provides a summary of accomplishments to date.

Project Orientation

- Staff -- Sue Unger and Heather Bovat were hired the week of May 22, 2000.
- Participated in benefits and office orientation.
- Staff participation in public meetings (Regional Coordination, Nine Leading Communities, Funding Summit Preparation).
- Reviewed rural community documents and other planning tools to familiarize new staff.

Final Draft Community Strategic Plan Guide and Form

- Reviewed existing documents and materials.
- Community Strategic Plan Guide and Form -- reviewed public comment and village and agency input.
- Reviewed existing Plan document and made modifications on the tone, flow, and technical aspects.
- Began editing Draft Strategic Plan and Guide.
- Researched work done by rural youth that could be incorporated in the final Community Strategic Plan Guide and Form.

Resource Directory

- Coordinated with DCED to begin development of the rural Alaskan resource directory.
- Data gathering of resources available to Alaskan communities.
- Began development of list of categories for the directory.
- Conducted first collaborative meeting with state and federal agencies regarding resource directory.

Single Federal Pre-Application

- Consulted with Mary McBride, USDA-Rural Development Director in Washington, regarding single federal pre-application form.

Additional Activities

- Provided technical support at a community-planning meeting in Seldovia.